

## Liability of Unionists To Anti-Trust Action Before High Court

Decision in Carpenters' Case Expected to Come Next Month

The liability of labor union officials to be prosecuted under the Sherman anti-trust law for activities growing out of a jurisdictional strike was at issue before the Supreme Court today.

Raised by the indictment of William L. Hutchison, president of the A. F. of L. Carpenters' Union, and other officials of the organization, in the Government's drive on abuses in the construction industry, the question was argued before the high tribunal yesterday, and probably will be decided next month.

Defending the right to proceed against unions under the law which forbids unlawful restraints on commerce, Thurman Arnold, Assistant Attorney General in charge of anti-trust law enforcement, asserted that "there is no form of labor warfare so opposed to public interest and to the interest of organized labor itself as the jurisdictional strike which stops the commerce of an employer who is trying to be fair to organized labor."

### Danger of Fascism Seen

Charles H. Tuttle, attorney for the union officials, replied that if the Government's position prevailed, "then the end of the road is fascism, pure and simple," and that "implies the concentration camp and prison."

The case is the first to reach the Supreme Court in a series of nationwide actions hitting at various building restraints. President Hutchison and his aides are accused of conspiring to restrain the interstate trade of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., St. Louis brewers.

The officers were alleged to have called the strike, to have picketed and to have instigated a Nation-wide boycott of Anheuser-Busch beer in an attempt to prevail in a dispute over the International Association of Machinists, also an A. F. of L. union, over which organization should work on Anheuser-Busch machinery.

The Justice Department appealed from a decision by the Eastern Missouri Federal District Court which dismissed the indictments on the ground that the purpose of the defendants was not to "restrain commerce, but to prevail in a local labor controversy."

### Peril to Labor Itself

Justice Frankfurter asked Mr. Arnold whether his argument would be the same if one union was an A. F. of L. affiliate and the other a C. I. O. union.

"Certainly," Mr. Arnold replied. "The jurisdictional strike," the Assistant Attorney General contended, "is a weapon in the hands of militant employees against labor itself. Labor should be given every opportunity to organize, but it should not be permitted to destroy itself by factional wars."

Mr. Tuttle asserted that "the right to secure and protect employment is the most fundamental right of labor," and added:

"I do not believe there is hidden in the Sherman law a grant of almost unrestricted power to regulate American industry and the American working millions according to the social, economic and political views of some current official incumbent as to what activity may or may not be justified."

Congress, he argued, "has never attempted to condemn labor activities as such, unassociated with illegal acts and planned and directed restraint on interstate commerce."

### Coal Men Differ on Need For Federal Inspection

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 11.—A difference of opinion among operators developed today in Pennsylvania mining circles over the necessity for Federal inspection of coal shafts, but all agreed that the commonwealth's regulation was "adequate."

In Washington Secretary of the Interior Ickes announced he had received a letter from Mark W. Potter, president of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Co., urging enactment of Federal legislation. The United Mine Workers of America has advocated it also.

But Ralph E. Taggart, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal Co., commented:

"We don't need Federal regulation. Pennsylvania inspections are adequate. It would just mean duplication and not do anyone any good." This opinion was echoed by James H. Pierce, head of the East Bear Ridge Coal Co.

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## End of Lumber Strike Assured by Accords In 18 of 40 Plants

Unions on Two Principal Fronts in Northwest Walkout Accept Pact

By the Associated Press.

SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—The return of peace to the Northwest lumber industry appeared assured today as A. F. of L. union members on one of two principal strike fronts voted to accept a compromise agreement on wage and vacation demands.

A few hours after Federal Conciliator Ernest P. Marsh announced a negotiators' agreement last night, the "Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union at Everett, where seven mills have been closed, voted "by a large majority" to accept the proposal. Mr. Marsh said union members at the 12 Tacoma mills which led the strike movement two months ago would vote today.

Bud Pearson, Everett union business agent, said the agreement provided for 5 cents an hour pay increase, with a week's vacation on pay, and an economic expert to make a survey of the Douglas fir industry as a basis for a sliding pay scale in the future. He said the study was to be completed by March 1.

Mr. Pearson said some of the Everett Mills would open today, others tomorrow and Monday. The fact that the union members defiantly planned on reopening at Everett, when they have shown a united front with the Tacomas, indicated to observers that they were confident of approval at Tacoma.

The A. F. of L. union called the strike over its demands for 7½ cents more an hour and a week's vacation. Although the agreement covered only 18 of the approximately 40 lum-

## Land Says U. S. Has Ships Great Britain Could Use

By the Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 11.—Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, U. S. N., retired, chairman of the Maritime Commission, says that in spite of many sales, the United States still has a reservoir of old vessels which could be sold to assist Britain in replacing shipping losses.

"Every assistance to the British people is a help in defeating the lawless forces which threaten this country," Admiral Land, co-ordinator of shipping under the national defense program, declared to the American Merchant Marine Conference last night.

President Roosevelt, in a message to the Propeller Club of the United States, meeting here simultaneously with the marine conference, asserted:

"The world situation requires that we develop a merchant marine capable of handling our commerce as foreign ships are withdrawn because of the war, and of serving as a supply auxiliary of the Navy."

## Russell, Chicago Broker, Found Shot to Death

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Edward P. Russell, 33, a well-known figure in Chicago financial circles, was found shot to death last night in his Lake Shore drive apartment.

The body of the retired stock and bond broker was found in bed by a maid who heard a shot. A revolver lay beside the body. Friends said he had been in ill health for several months.

Mr. Russell was the senior partner in Russell, Brewster & Co., which voluntarily ceased business in 1938. The firm, originally known as Edward L. Brewster & Co., was founded in 1872 and was the first Chicago brokerage firm to acquire a membership on the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Russell was with the firm for 53 years.

He was a native of New Bedford, Mass.

## Weygand Tours Tunisia

VICHY, France, Dec. 11.—Gen. Maxime Weygand, French military leader in Africa, arrived today in Sfax, Tunisia, from Souss, it was announced here. He arrived in Tunis Monday. Sfax is about 125 airline miles from Tunisia's border with Italian Libya.

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ber operations closed down in the widespread controversy, virtually all the others were expected by observers to fall in line with the Tacoma and Everett decisions. Most of them were closed in support of the Tacoma and Everett strikers or by pickets from the closed plants in the two cities. About 12,000 workmen are involved.

### Wife Divorces 'Amos'

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11 (AP).—Mrs. Leta S. Gosden won a divorce yesterday from Freeman S. Gosden, better known as the first half of the radio team of Amos 'n' Andy, after she testified that her husband was "sullen" and morose.

## Missing Teen-Age Couple Found Asphyxiated in Car

By the Associated Press.

ELDORADO, Ill., Dec. 11.—A teen-aged couple, missing since Saturday and believed to have eloped, were found dead from asphyxiation in an automobile near here yesterday in what Deputy Coroner Riley Belt described as "a perfect suicide pact."

The youths, comely 15-year-old Pearl Harrelson, high school sophomore, and her sweetheart, Charles Tate, 18, an N. Y. A. worker, were found in a wooded area by two of

the girl's uncles who were hunting rabbits.

Deputy Sheriff Ivan Wilson said a garden hose, attached to the automobile's exhaust pipe, led into the front seat, where Tate was found as if asleep, with the girl in his arms.

Relatives of the youths said they had been "dating" more than a year.

Neither body bore marks of violence, officers reported.

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